

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 678

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor Charles R. Terry upon the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor a remarkable professional who has rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, known far and wide as The World's Greatest Horse Show, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2008, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting a select group of worthy individuals into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration Grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during, "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2008 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Charles R. Terry, who has served the Walking Horse industry with distinction in numerous capacities over the past three decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry first became active in the Walking Horse industry in the early 1970s and has since won numerous World Grand Championships and World Championships

with his horses, including Pride's Jubilee Encore; Secret Agent, Prime Suspect; Tennessee Gen; Motown Motion; Ace's All American; Andrew Johnson; Five Star Ritz; John Bull; Mighty Max; Armorall; Doc's Nothing Nicer; and He's Up in Arms; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Charles Terry earned a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry commenced his laudable legal career as a Captain in the United States Army's Judge Advocate Corps and has served the legal profession as a president of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, president of the Tennessee Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates, and as a trustee and member of the Board of Governors of a variety of state and national lawyers associations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his immense legal skills, he was selected as a distinguished member of the faculty at the National College of Advocacy at Harvard Law School in 1973, as one of six people selected by East Tennessee State University for career distinction in 1992, and was listed in the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory* as a premier lawyer in America; and

WHEREAS, as an integral part of his community, Charles Terry also contributes his time and talents to a variety of boards of directors that serve such organizations as hospitals, banks, charitable causes, and his church; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his legal career, Mr. Terry has served the Walking Horse industry as a representative of the Walking Horse Trainers Association. He successfully represented the first walking horse trainer that was charged with a violation of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 in the case *United States of America v. Baird*; and

WHEREAS, Charles Terry is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty years, Florence Terry; his daughter, Denise Terry Stapleton, and her husband, Mark; his son Charles R. Terry, Jr., and his wife, Kathy; and his son, Braxton Terry, and his wife, Jana; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Charles Terry has earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage

to his life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby acknowledge and applaud Charles R. Terry on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame and commend him for his sterling service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.